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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

RA Regular Meeting open to the public was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the St. Johns Public Library, Large Conference Room, 35 South 3rd West, St. Johns, Arizona 85936.

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

Chair Mannis welcomed the Members and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Members present were Chair Mannis, Claude Endfield, Kirk Grugel, Nestor Montoya, Jeffrey Northup, and Cathy Taylor. Member Kristalei Baskins attended telephonically. Members absent were Leslie Meyer, Betsy Peck, and Linda Thompson.

Member Report and Updates

Chair Mannis asked for member reports or updates. Member Endfield announced that Northland Pioneer College is posting a position as a part-time lab aid in her department. She said anyone interested can apply at the college or online.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed.

Presentation, Discussion and Approval of November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Mannis asked for a motion for the November minutes. Member Grugel moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2013 as presented. Member Endfield seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation, Discussion and Approval of November 20, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes

Chair Mannis asked for a motion for the November Special Meeting minutes. Member Taylor moved to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting November 20, 2013 as presented. Member Grugel seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation on Arizona Department of Health Services Midwifery Scope of Practice

Chair Mannis introduced Dr. Jeffrey Northup from Summit Regional Medical Center and Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council Member who gave an update on the Arizona Department of Health Services Midwifery Scope of Practice. Dr. Northup told the Council that there are 3 types of Midwives recognized in Arizona, Lay Midwives who are not licensed and may not charge for their services, Certified Professional Midwives who provide most of the at home delivery services, and Certified Nurse Midwives who mostly practice in medical facilities. Dr. Northup said that he sat on an advisory committee looking at expanding the scope of practice for Certified Professional Midwives to include limited prescription writing and allowing additional procedures. He said that there is still opposition from the medical community as they feel this will lower the standard of care for infants, however, the most likely recommendation will be to require training and certification in the procedures.

Review and Discussion of Community-Based Development Early Care Education Professionals November Reporting

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the November reporting from the Community-Based Development Early Care Education Professionals grantee as requested by the Regional Council. She said that the next scheduled report will be in person by the grantee in January or February. There was discussion on getting a clear definition of what the agreement with Northland Pioneer College is going to be.

Review and Discussion of SFY13 Q4 and SFY14 Q1 Narrative Report Overview and SFY 14 Q1 Data Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the SFY13 Q4 Narrative Report along with the SFY14 Q1 Narrative report. She highlighted several of the stories that grantees submitted along with some of the challenges. Regional Director Dobler-Allen then reviewed the

SFY14 Q1 Data report. She said that the report includes data from statewide and regional strategies, and tracks how grantees are moving toward their contracted service units. She said that the Recruitment into the Field grantee has spent some time getting the data report for the strategy cleaned up, and that will be reflected on SFY14 Quarter 2 data report.

Discussion and Possible Approval of 2014 Calendar Year Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

Chair Mannis moved to the discussion of the meeting dates for calendar year 2014. Regional Director Dobler-Allen reminded that Council that the current meeting day is the second Wednesday of the month and time is 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The meeting locations rotate to accommodate members who have to travel a long distance to attend meetings to have some of them closer to their area. Member Endfield moved for approval of the Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council meeting dates and locations for Calendar Year 2014 as presented. Member Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

Regional Director's Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reported that she has received a notice of resignation from Member Thompson effective with this meeting. She stated ongoing health issues and increased workload as her reasons.

Monthly Report

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented her monthly report of her activities. She highlighted that she and Member Endfield have served on sub-committees for the Professional Development BUILD Initiative. Member Endfield said there will be designated a new Associate of Arts in Early Childhood at three community colleges where the completion of the degree will articulate to Northern Arizona University toward a Bachelor degree, and eventually to the other State Universities.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen also said that she had followed up from a question from last month's meeting and the new media buy is active and there is a billboard up in Holbrook.

Presentation of Final Quality First SFY15 Allotment

Regional Director Dobler-Allen told the Council that the final figure for the Quality First SFY15 allotment only changed in the total amount for QF Scholarships. She said there will be 36 scholarships totaling \$268,940 which is a reduction of \$5909 in the QF allotment. Discussion was around whether the allotted scholarships for SFY14 and SFY15 will be utilized. If not, the scholarships will go into a pool in the region for the balance of the fiscal year, and if not used the funds will drop to carry forward.

Financial Reports

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the monthly Funding Plan Summary and Contract Detail Report. She said there are no concerns and contracts are expending as expected.

Discussion of Regional Council Recruitment and Council Member Terms Expiring

Regional Director Dobler-Allen told the Council that 5 terms expire at the end of one 4 year cycle, and 6 two years later. She listed the 5 seats that will expire at the end of SFY2014 which is June 30, 2014. She encouraged the members who currently hold the seats to re-apply. She said that they will have to complete the application and interview. She mentioned that due to Member Thompson's resignation, the faith based seat is also open for the remainder of the term that ends in June, 2016, and that it can be filled as soon as April 2014. There was discussion about definition of the seats and Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided information that explained the seats and application process. Regional Director Dobler-Allen said she would like to fill the faith-based seat in April, and also asked the Regional Council to send suggestions to her for possible applicants. She also offered to meet with potential new members if they express interest in the seat; additionally, application materials are available at the Lakeside Regional Office and on-line at www.azftf.gov.

Community Outreach Report

Michelle Pansulla, Community Outreach Coordinator presented the report of her activities for November and December 2013. She said that she had regionalized an article that was written by FTF and she submitted it for publication. It was published in the White Mountain Independent, as well as in the Maverick Magazine, and the Mogollon Rim News from Heber. She also shared information about the Heber Lions Club Christmas Party for NAOMI House on December 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The Tooth Fairy, Santa Claus, Smokey the Bear and the Heber Fire Engine will be present. Ms. Pansulla added that she is also working to set up a site visit with the Quality First 4 Star Rated Child Care Home operated by Tracy Ison. More information will be coming soon.


General Discussion

Member Grugel reported that the Friends of CASA Christmas Idea House was a great success and raised about \$10,000. Member Grugel also told the Council that at the next Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse meeting in Winslow Cynthia Pardo, Community Outreach Coordinator from the Coconino Region, will be presenting.

Adjourn – next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2013 in Show Low

Member Grugel moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Endfield seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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